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Elephant's have been known to live 100 years, and it is supposed whales may live 1,000 years.

The elephant has been known to die of grief when, in a sudden fit of madness, he has killed his keeper.

A snail's head may be cut off, and in a certain time another head will be formed. At least, so says Spallanzani.

PROF. UNTHANK, of Tucson, is alleged to have in his possession a brick taken

the last wall of China. The measure is 4x12x16 inches, is composed of gray clay, and is as hard as granite. Experts are said to be several similar bricks yet remaining in the wall for any hardy antiquarian who can obtain them, and as there is a rigorous Chinese law against the demolition of the ancient wall, this may be the only way to smuggle a brick out of the country is to bring it in one's hat.

It is a curious fact that most of the prominent men who flourished in the revolution had an especial penchant for bricks. Wang in a top married a widow

John Burr's wife was the widow of Col. Brock, the youngest of the British army. John Hancock had an especial taste for widows. Mr. Madison took a widow, and did Stephen Hopkins. So did Amos Gwinnett, so did Patrick Henry, and so did at least one-fourth of all the patriots and heroes of the days that tried the souls as well as their pockets. The Hindoo thief's manner of scaling walls is very ingenious. It is by means of a huge lizard which he carries with him in his nocturnal rambles. The pro-

is as follows: The lizard, which is, perhaps, a yard in length, with great claws and flattened feet and suction-cup powers like those of a fly, is made fast to the dæcrot by a tough cord tied to its tail. When the dæcrot is pursued and comes in his hasty flight to a wall, he quickly throws his lizard over it, holding fast to the other end of the cord. By this means of its suction power the lizard fastens himself in the wall on the opposite side, and the thief draws himself to the top and jumps lightly down. By

At the City of Medina, in Italy, and about four miles around it, wherever the earth is dug, when the workmen arrive at a distance of sixty-three fathoms come to a bed of chalk, which they bore with an auger, five feet deep. They then withdraw from the pit before the auger is removed, and upon its extrusion the water bursts through the aperture with great violence, and quickly fills the newly-made well, which continues

are full and are affected neither by rain or drought. But what is the most remarkable in the operation is the layer of earth as we descend. At the depth of fourteen feet are found the ruins of an ancient city, paved streets, houses, floors and different pieces of mason work. Under this is found a soft, cozy earth made up of vegetables, and at twenty-six feet large trees, with the walnut still sticking to the stem, and the leaves and branches in a perfect state of preservation. At twenty-eight feet deep a soft chalk is found, mixed with a vast quan-

ity of shells, and the bed is two feet thick. Under this vegetables are found again.

He Was for the Man.

A transcript of the evidence in the "woman case" which was appealed to the Supreme Court of Indiana from a county near by contains the following paragraphs. It seems the woman was giving her testimony, and the clerk thus records it:

Question—"Was the defendant pra-

Answer—"No." Here the witness began to sob and cry bitterly.

Question—"Did you see him about that time?"

Answer—"No." Here the witness threw herself down on the floor, yelled and walloped herself around until she had to be carried out of the room. When the Judges read this transcript it is said one of them remarked: "If that clerk wants to see a woman wallop herself around and raise the ceiling, let her go."

ing on the noise he ought to catch sight of my wife when she is in one of her tantrums, Gentlemen, I'm not to pass on this case, I'm for the man up and down, in spite of the devil." *Inter Ocean.*

Youthful Love Making.

A gentleman was swinging in a hammock with a 4-year-old boy, who is on country vacation, when he noticed another hammock just opposite a bright little girl of about the same age, name

Nony Belle
"If I were you," said the gentleman
to the little fellow, "I would go over
and kiss Nony Belle; she looks just
like she wanted a kiss."
Nony Belle overheard the remark, and
replacing her chubby finger in her mouth,
twisted her head around in a rather
abashed manner.
The little fellow gazed at her intent
for a full minute, and then, shaking his
head wisely, exclaimed, with an expres-
sion of disgust, "I don't know about
that."

He sucks her finger, and I got in trouble with that when I was a baby."—*Waldenbury American*.

THE Paris Jockey Club pays its champion a salary of \$5,000, and has done so for a dozen years. His great specialty is soup.

THE drivers of street-cars say no one will learn to start and stop at the sound of the bell or whistle in a single day.

ACROSS THE STREET;
BY THOMAS RAILLY ALDRICH.

With lash on cheek she comes and goes;
I watch her when she little knows;
I wonder if she dreams of it?
Sitting and waiting at my feet,
I weave into my verse at times,
Her sunny hair, or gleams of it.

Upon her window-ledge is set
A box of flowering magnolia-ite—
Moral and eve she tends to them—
The roses die, and she does care
About that faded strand of hair,
As pretty she bends to them.

As I could once contrive to get into that box of maguette.

Some morning when he tends to there—
Says to me, "I see the bird's foot to
From the throat to cheek!"—during the eyes,
Decurely, as she reach to there.

AN imitation for floor board*, etc., has been made in this country of compressed straw. It is said to resemble a hard close-grained wood, can be planed, hewn, nailed, wail, etc. It has no flaws, is not subject to dry rot, is water proof, and not warp and has greater tensile strength than wood. If all this be true we may

It is no vanity for a man to pride himself on what he has honestly got a prudently use.